

HURST GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th November 2021 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm after public consultation.

Present:- Councillor Browne (Chair), Councillor Hampton, Councillor Janes, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Kenchington (*from 8.10pm*), Councillor Price (*from 9.00pm*), Councillor Wright, District Councillor Barnes and County Councillor Eleanor Kirby-Green.

The Clerk was in attendance along with three members of the public.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: -

Councillor Brown (away for work), Councillor Duddridge (unwell) and the RFO Anita Emery due to dependant being ill.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: -

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th October 2021. Councillor Brown emailed the Clerk re changes prior to the meeting.

Subject to changes, minutes **proposed by Councillor Janes and seconded by Councillor Johnson.**

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS, *in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct: to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.*

None declared.

3.1 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION – *to consider written requests from Members for Dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.*

None received.

The Chair moved agenda item 5.4 up the agenda as Councillor Kirby-Green needed to leave the meeting early.

5.4 District and County Councillors reports

Councillor Kirby-Green gave her report which had previously been circulated via email.

Councillor Kenchington joined the meeting at 8.10pm.

Councillor Browne reported that the SLR meeting with East Sussex Highways had been quite useful.

Councillor Kirby-Green left the meeting at 8.20pm.

Councillor Barnes gave her report.

Councillor Janes reported that he and other residents had rec'd notification from Optivo that work was due to start on the Foundry Close site in the new year.

Clerk to email Graham Quinnell and Myles Joyce the acting head of planning for more information.

4.0 FINANCE/RFO Report

The Clerk gave the report on behalf of the RFO, Anita Emery in her absence.

4.1 To approve expenses and payments as itemised on the schedule (*appendix attached*)

The detailed expenses and payments reports were emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Approval of Invoices and payments proposed by Councillor Hampton and seconded by Councillor Janes. **Unanimously approved.**

4.2 To approve bank reconciliation

The Council **unanimously approved** the bank reconciliation emailed out to Councillors prior to the

meeting.

4.3 External auditors report

The Clerk read out the conclusion of the report which had been emailed out to Councilors prior to the meeting by the RFO.

4.4 Notice of conclusion of audit for noting and accepting

This was **unanimously accepted**.

4.5 Precept, initial thoughts on expenditure and to set date for working party meeting.

The Chair noted that Lodge Field would be one of the main focuses for funding in the coming year. Date of precept working party meeting to be set on agenda item 10.0.

5.0 **COMMUNITY Activities and reports.**

5.1 Neighbourhood Plan, progress report (Cllrs. Brown & Wright)

The report was provided by Councillor Brown and read out by Councillor Wright in his absence. The Chair, Councillor Browne reported that the meeting on Saturday 30th October appeared to be a great success with excellent community engagement.

5.2 Former Community Shop Building – latest update and proposals

The Chair moved this agenda item to later in the meeting as he was waiting for Councillor Price to join the meeting. (Discussed after 5.7)

5.3 Request for Dog waste bin in the churchyard (Cllr. Brown)

Request from the church for a waste bin as dog walkers have been using the churchyard and not clearing up after their dogs. Agreed to site a second bin on footpath 6 just outside the rear churchyard gate. This was **unanimously agreed**.

5.4 District and County Councillors reports

Already covered earlier in the meeting..

5.5 Clerk's report

The Clerk gave her report which had been emailed out to all Councilors prior to the meeting.

5.6 Parish Correspondence and local resident issues

The A21 was again causing much concern with local residents.

Councillor Price joined the meeting at 9.00pm

Councillor Johnson asked about having a Parish Council Facebook page. To be put on a future agenda.

5.7 Urgent issues requiring attention

No issues reported.

5.2 Former Community Shop Building – latest update and proposals

The Baxter family have contacted the Clerk to withdraw their interest in the site due to other commitments. In view of this development the Council will seek a meeting with the head leaseholders to view options. Councillor Browne will contact them and arrange a suitable date.

6.0 **TRANSPORT, ROADS & FOOTPATHS**

6.1 ESCC SLR meeting, feedback and matters arising

The meeting was considered to have been useful and clarified areas of concern and communication. A Silverhill resident asked if there was any possibility of a footpath or pavement from Silverhill to Robertsbridge. Clerk to contact National Highways.

7.0 **PLANNING**

APPEAL - APP/U1430/D/21/3280347, Ref **RR/2021/457/P**, Bexhurst Oast, Merriments Lane, Hurst Green, TN19 7RA. **Dismissed**.

7.1 RDC Planning decisions

RR/2021/1975/P - Wincot, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS. Demolition of shared out shed and erection of single storey extension. **Approved.**

RR/2021/1976/P - Shanti Shanti, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS. Demolition of shared out shed and erection of single storey extension **Approved.**

7.2 Planning applications

RR/2021/2624/P - The Laurels, Burgh Hill, Hurst Green TN19 7PE. Proposed works to existing dwelling to include; part roof conversion/extension, first floor and ground floor extensions, including internal alterations. Demolition of existing outbuilding; replacement new outbuilding comprising of ground floor garden store/outdoor kitchen and games room within the roof space. Proposed external works including enlarged terraces, paths and driveway along with new retaining walls, piers and gates to front of site. **Not Supported (majority decision).**

R/2021/2055/P - Cross Keys House, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS. Erection of outbuilding for use as office. **Not Supported (majority decision).**

RR/2021/2056/P - Cross Keys House, London Road, Hurst Green TN19 7QS. Bi-Fold Doors and 2no Sky Lanterns within existing extension. **Supported.**

8.0 **PLAYING & STAGE FIELDS**

8.1 Lodge Field, new play equipment progress report

Councillor Browne reported that the working party needed to meet to progress the Lodge Field replacement play equipment project.

8.2 Area to be considered for inclusion on Rother's list as an 'asset of community' value (Cllr. Brown)

In Councillor Brown's absence the Chair postponed this agenda item until the next meeting.

9.00 **Items for the next agenda**

Neighbourhood Plan.

Other items to be emailed to Clerk as necessary.

10.0 **Date and time of next Meeting**

The next Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 in Hurst Green Village Hall starting at 8.00pm with public consultation from 7.45pm.

Precept working party meeting to be held on Thursday 13th January 2022 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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Signed
Vice Chair

Cllr. Bob Janes

Dated

25th January 2022